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SUBJECT: TRAIN MEETING WITH STATE SECRETARY SHORE

SUMMARY: EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN MET WITH UK SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT PETER SHORE ON OCTOBER 11. DISCUSSION COVERED: U.S. ENACTMENT OF NEW TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT; ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION; REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON NUCLEAR POWER; REGULATION OF FLUOROCARBONS AND STRENGTHENING US-UK ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

1. TRAIN SUMMARIZED THE PROVISIONS OF THE RECENTLY ENACTED TOX SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT, PARTICULARLY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PREMARKET TESTING, PREMARKET NOTIFICATION, AND THE AUTHORITY OF EPA TO RESTRICT OR OTHERWISE REGULATE USES OF CHEMICALS WHICH ENDANGER HEALTH OR THE ENVIRONMENT. DISCUSSION BROUGHT OUT THAT THE COMPARABLE UK AGENCY FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON REGULATING THE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES RATHER THAN ON REGULATING THEIR MANUFACTURE OR USE. IN REFERENCE TO THE LATTE OPTION, TRAIN DESCRIBED THE NEWLY ENACTED RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT.

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2. IN REFERENCE TO THE NOVEMBER 2-6 BERN MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION, TRAIN MENTIONED THAT AT THE CCMS MEETING IN BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 12, HE WOULD URGE NATO COUNTRIES TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION. ONLY FIVE HAVE DONE SO TO DATE. SHORE SUG-

GESTED THA THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE BERN MEETING SPEND A COUPLE OF DAYS IN LONDON ENROUTE TO COORDINATE DISCUSSIONS. TRAIN SAIE HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE INVITATION TO WASHINGTON.

3. TRAIN ASKED ABOUT THE DOE REACTION TO THE RECENT REPORTS OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ON NUCLEAR MATTERS. SHORE RESPONDED QUOTE WE ARE STUDYING IT UNQUOTE. HE STATED THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UK WAS GENERALLY MORE POSITIVE TOWARD NUCLEAR POWER THAN IN OTHER COUNTRIES. TRAIN REFERRED TO THE USG'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR POWER AND DESCRIBED THE SEVERAL ANTI-NUCLEAR PROPOSITIONS APPEARING ON VARIOUS STATE BALLOTS THIS NOVEMBER. HE MENTIONED THE DEFEAT OF A SIMILARY PROPOSITION IN CALIFORNIA LAST JUNE.

4. TRAIN BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF FLUOROCARBONS AND REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE REPORT, THE VARIOUS U.S. AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION WERE INITIATING THE PROCESS TO REGULATE FLUOROCARBONS. SHORE SAID THAT THE UK WAS NOT AS SATISFIED AS THE U.S. WITH THE STATE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON THE MATTER. HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE UK PREFERRED TO CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THE FLUOROCARBON PROBLEM THROUGH OECD. TRAIN MENTIONED THAT HE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE SOVIETS IN MOSCOW AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

5. SHORE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF RESEARCH ON CONCORDE OPERATIONS. TRAIN SAID THAT THIS RESEARCH WAS BEING COORDINATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THAT WHILE EPA HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE DESIGN OF THE RESEARCH PROJECTS AND WOULD REVIEW ITS RESULTS IT WAS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CONDUCT OF THE RESEARCH.

6. FINALLY, TRAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF US-UK BILATERAL COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. IT WAS AGREED THAT GREATER EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO STRENGTHEN AND MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS.

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